

# Proposed Consolidated Grant Topic Group

Las Vegas, February 2000

# Topic Group Objective

- Identify and Clarify Key Issues Concerning the Proposed Consolidated Grant

# Accomplishments to Date

- Group Formed in December
- Two Conference Calls Held Prior to Las Vegas Meeting
- General Agreement on:
  - Desired Outcomes (Maximizing Public Health and Safety with Limited Resources is Top Priority)
  - Allowable Activities (WIPP Model?)

# Outstanding Issues

- Process for Allocating Funds
  - Adaptation of Current WIPP Approach (Individual Negotiation with Tribes, and with States through Regional Groups)
  - Development of Uniform, Consistent, National-Level Funding Criteria

# Outstanding Issues

- Use of a Formula Approach
- Factors to be Considered if a Formula is Used:
  - Inclusion of Population
  - Consideration of Additional Factors

# State Fees

- Deduction of State Fees from the Consolidated Grant:
  - Fees only Partially Cover Services Provided
  - OR
  - Taxpayers Pay Twice

# Tribal Issues

- Tribal Sovereignty and Need for Individual Consultation
- Concern about Jeopardizing the Trust Developed with Regional DOE Contacts
- Lack of Basic Infrastructure and Resources
- Need for a Needs Assessment Prior to Funding Decisions

# Outstanding Issues

- Concept of Consolidated Grant Did Not Appear to be Fully Understood



# Time Frame for Addressing Issues

- Need to Reconsider Original Schedule for Drafting a Topic Group Paper